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Attorney Docket Number 39064-10005

First Named Inventor Nobuo Miyachi

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Application Number 09 / 476,956

Filing Date January 3, 2000

Group Art Unit 1774

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BIODEGRADABLE BLOCK FOR MODELS

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PATENT

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☒ In re application of: Nobuo Miyachi

Application No.: 09 / 476,956 Group No.: 1774

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For: Biodegradable Block for Models

☐ Patent:

Issue Date: _____

**DESIGNATION OF DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVE BY ASSIGNEE
(37 C.F.R. § 3.61)**

1. ☐ I, _____ or
Name of individual(s)

☒ Japan Corn Starch Co., Ltd.
Name of entity

am(are) the assignee(s) of the above-identified application/patent by virtue of an assignment

☒ separately submitted for recordal on even date herewith.

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3. The assignee(s) does/~~do~~ not reside in the United States.

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ASSIGNMENT

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In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned inventor, or each inventor if more than one, hereby assigns to Japan Corn Starch Co., Ltd., 20-19 Marunouchi 2-chome, Naka-ku, Nagoya-shi, Aichi 460-0002 Japan

its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "said assignee"), the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements (hereinafter called "said invention") of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, entitled: BIODEGRADABLE BLOCK FOR MODELS

executed by the undersigned on even date herewith, and in said application and any and all other applications for United States Letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this assignment the date and serial number of said application.

For said consideration, the undersigned hereby agrees, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, to execute any divisional, continuation or substitute application for said invention or improvements, and any oath, declaration or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof. The undersigned agrees to perform, upon request, any affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent of the United States and vest in said assignee all rights therein, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by said assignee, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment had not been made.

And for said consideration, the undersigned hereby assigns to said assignee the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements for all foreign countries, including all priority rights under the International Convention, and agrees to execute, at the request of said assignee, all documents in connection with any application for foreign letters patent therefor.

Date: Apr. 7, 2000

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In witness whereof,

Date: Apr. 7, 2000

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